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OUR readers will find in this number of the *Missionary* a complete list of the names of persons appointed for the current year to the mission fields occupied by this Association. The number is large and composed of worthy and experienced workers, in whom we have great confidence. We bespeak the prayers and help of God's people in their behalf, that their labors be blessed and abundant.

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OUR Annual Report is now ready for distribution. Those of our friends who are interested in noting the work of this Association from year to year would do well to secure a copy, which can be had by application to this office.

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SOME changes have taken place in the arrangement for the Secretaries on the collecting field. Rev. James Powell, who has so acceptably and efficiently occupied the post of District Secretary in Chicago, has been transferred to this office as Assistant Secretary for Collection. His field is thus widened, and we bespeak for him the welcome at the East that he has so fully merited and won at the West. District Secretary Pike is retained as Editor of the *Missionary*, his office as such being continued as heretofore at 56 Reade St., New York, to which his correspondence as Editor should be addressed. His collecting field is made up of Western Massachusetts, Connecticut and Vermont, with office to be opened May 1, in Hartford. District Secretary Woodworth retains his office in Boston, with Eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine as his field for collection. A successor for Mr. Powell in Chicago will be appointed as soon as practicable.



ACCORDING to the census of 1870, illiterates committed ten times their pro rata of crime, taking the whole of the United States together.

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IN the city of New York, the expense imposed for protection against a few thousand criminals, most of whom have been made such by the neglect of society to educate properly the young, is fifty per cent. more than the whole cost of the public schools.

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FROM REPORT OF EX. COM.

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## WANTED AT LITTLE ROCK.

Three-fourths of the colored people of Arkansas are reported as illiterate. This Association has been so occupied and its funds so much demanded by institutions in other States that it has not been able to plant a boarding-school in this needy portion of our country. Nearly three years since, Mr. Edward Smith, of Enfield, Mass., pledged property valued at \$15,000 for founding an institution to be known as the Edward Smith College. Thirteen acres of land on Capitol Hill, commanding a view of the city, the river and a large stretch of surrounding country, have been purchased and fenced. We have \$10,000 available from Mr. Smith's gift for the first building, which will serve for a mission home and a girl's dormitory. This should be constructed of brick and adapted for permanent use. The cost is estimated at \$20,000. Few cities in the South have grown with such rapidity as Little Rock, and the prospects of a flourishing school, if once properly established, are all that could be wished. Our Executive Committee in their annual reports for 1882 and 1883 appealed for \$10,000 to supplement Mr. Smith's gift, but no responses were made. We now feel that further delay would be hazardous, and that we should commence work at Little Rock; and urge the friends of this Association to come to our relief as rapidly as may be needful to assure the completion of the proposed building by the 1st of October. As the college takes the name of Mr. Smith, we would like to call the first hall by the name of the second donor.

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### WANTED AT WILMINGTON.

North Carolina has a negro population of 351,145. Of these 271,933, or 77 per cent., are reported as unable to read and write. The A. M. A. has maintained day schools in this State since the spring of 1865, but for lack of funds has not been able to establish boarding schools, although at different times preliminary steps have been taken for that purpose. Our school at Wilmington has been well attended, and for eighteen years has worked steadily for the development of the colored people of that city. There have been connected with it a church, an industrial school, and at one time an orphan asylum. Chiefly through the liberality of Hon. J. J. H. Gregory we have a brick church edifice, a commodious mission home, also of brick, and a school building with accommodations for from three to four hundred day scholars. What is wanted is two dormitory buildings, one for girls and one for boys, to accommodate worthy students from out of town who may desire to fit themselves for teachers and other useful vocations. As we have no boarding school in South Carolina, it is believed that the proposed one at Wilmington, in consequence of its proximity to that State, would serve for both North and South Carolina for the present, supplying a want signified by the alarming state of illiteracy among the colored people of those States. If the funds are forthcoming for the two buildings, the industrial departments of the school will be modified and enlarged so as to embrace teaching and practical agriculture.

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### WANTED AT TOUGALOO.

Tougaloo University is our institution for the State of Mississippi, a State in which the black population is enormous and, for the most part, in the lowest condition, with the greatest hindrances to progress. In no part of the nation is the situation of the freed people more serious and alarming. This school, located a few miles north of Jackson, the State capital, has had a slow but continuous growth, and has reached the full limit of its accommodations. School rooms and dormitories are crowded, and the progress of the work is much obstructed by the lack of larger facilities. We are developing at this point more fully than any other the idea of industrial education, putting in this year a Farm Superintendent, a school of carpentry, a brick-yard, etc. All this increases the exigent demand for more room.

What is first needed here is a new school building with accommodations in the lower story for the primary and intermediate departments, with recitation rooms for practice teaching, and in the upper story a chapel for church and general services. We shall make our own brick on the ground and utilize as far as possible the school of carpentry in its construction. By so doing, it is thought that a suitable building can be pro-



vided at a cost of five thousand dollars. The completion of such a building will release two primitive buildings now used for school-rooms to be occupied as shops for the industrial department, besides affording relief in other directions. Five thousand dollars added to the assets of a rich Northern college makes but a small showing; but the same amount applied to relieve the pressing wants of this institution for the poor and helpless black will yield a prompt and rich result that can be seen and felt.

The need is imperative. Who will help us to the sum needed, and place his name on a memorial more enduring than granite or marble?

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#### WANTED AT TILLOTSON INSTITUTE.

This is our only institution of higher grade in Texas—that vast State which is filling up so rapidly with both colored and white people. The Institute is most eligibly situated on a fine campus of twenty-two acres near the capitol in Austin, and has been most warmly welcomed by the leading white citizens of the place; Ex-Gov. Pease, Rev. Dr. Wright and others accepting places on its Board of Trustees.

The one building, Allen Hall, was erected in 1880 and was almost immediately crowded to overflowing with students, the two sexes occupying the same building, necessitating a division, thus adding inconvenience to the overcrowding. For both these reasons, to relieve the overcrowding and to place the two sexes in separate houses, a new building for a Boys' Hall is most imperatively needed. Prof. Salisbury, our School Superintendent, on a recent visit to Austin, says: "The institution is crowded to excess. There are now more boarding students than can be properly accommodated and they had to turn away applicants yesterday. There is great need of another building before next year. The field is truly a promising one." Its President, Rev. Mr. Brooks, writes: "It does seem that every interest demands more room. There must be great loss if we cannot provide for this. I hear of large numbers who propose to come next year. We could more than double our numbers if we had room for them." The building so much needed at Austin will cost \$20,000. The present effort to secure the needed funds was begun with this year. A conditional pledge of over \$1,000 has been obtained, and we appeal to the friends of the colored man, and of the nation as well, to aid us speedily in providing this relief for an overcrowded school and this facility for the education of those that have now to be turned away.

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#### WANTED.

A contribution from every Congregational Church, from every Congregational Sunday-school, and from every Congregational Ladies' Missionary Society in the country, to help us respond to the wants above spread before our readers. We have not told you all our wants. They



are so numerous, we cannot. From every side they press, each insisting on its special right to be heard and answered. Could our friends be in telephonic communication with this office but for one day, so as to catch the many-voiced appeals that from all parts of our vast field clamorously cry for help, they would understand why we so urgently beg that our churches and missionary organizations connected with them should not fail to aid us. We shall anxiously watch for the returns.





*A Connecticut Invention.*—On the last Sabbath of the old year the members of the Sunday-school connected with the Congregational Church of Chester, Conn., voted to bring the next Sabbath as many pennies each as they were years old, as a gift to this Association, the money to be applied toward the education of a girl at Tougaloo University, Miss. The number present New Year's Sabbath was ninety-four, the amount received \$24.10, indicating an average age of over twenty-five years. The invention is a good one, and, as our Connecticut friends have no patent upon it, we trust other Sunday-schools will make its use so common as to assure freedom for it in coming time.

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#### BENEFACTIONS.

Rev. Mr. Goucher, of Baltimore, gives \$3,000 conditionally, for an Anglo-Japanese college at Tokio, and \$7,000 for the theological school at Foo Choo.

The Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church accepts the offer of Mrs. Philander Smith, of Little Rock, Ark., of \$10,000 for a medical college at Nankin, China.

Governor Cleveland of New York has given the public school at Holland Patent \$500 for additions to its library, selecting and purchasing books, and securing discounts from publishers.

Geo. O. Clark, of Milton, Mass., has bequeathed his estate amounting to \$300,000 to Harvard College, the benefit of the bequest to be realized after the death of certain relatives.

Mr. Henry Packer and Miss Mary Packer are about to build a chapel at Leigh University in memory of their mother. Judge Packer is completing the work of furnishing the laboratory undertaken by his father.

The late Julius Hallgarten left \$750,000 to be distributed among relatives and various institutions. Under certain contingencies Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Williams Colleges are to be benefited. Dartmouth College gets \$50,000.

The sum of \$250,225 has been subscribed by wealthy Bostonians as a permanent fund for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to be called the "William Barton Rogers fund." The income from the fund only is to be used for the support of the institute.

Hamlin University in Minnesota has received a gift of \$30,000 from Rev. J. F. Chaffee, D.D., of Minneapolis to endow the chair of mental science.

*Five thousand dollars are needed by the A. M. A. for a model school building of two stories, with accommodations for model school and chapel at Tougaloo University. This institution has five hundred acres of land, and buildings suitable for a variety of educational work, but press of students makes the demand for this proposed building imperative.*



## GENERAL NOTES.

## AFRICA.

—Ali Mahoom, a young slave liberated at Khartoum by Gordon Pacha and given to the missionary Felkin, who educated him in England, has been engaged by Consul Baker and has already set out for Khartoum.

—The National German Committee not being able to furnish the 375,000 francs necessary to the new expedition of Lieutenant Wissman, the King of the Belgians has offered to defray from his own means the expenses of this journey of exploration.

—According to the *African Times*, the two Sultans of the islands Johanna and Mohilla have decided to abolish slavery in their territories after the 4th of August, 1889, and the English Consul of the Comores Islands has written them upon the list of enlightened and civilized monarchies.

—The British Government has named Captain Foot as Consul in the region of Nyassa and the other lakes, to suppress the slave trade and develop civilization and commerce in Central Africa. He will be seconded in his efforts by C. E. Gissing, as Vice-Consul.

—From a letter from the missionary Bam, of Bethany, Mr. Vogelsang, chief of the German expedition to Angra Pequena, has promised to abstain, as far as his agents are concerned, from the importation of spirituous liquors in the country of the Namaquas. They will endeavor to teach the natives to carry on an honest commerce and to take up all sorts of work.

—Two French missionaries and some brothers familiar with manual occupations have gone to Stanley Pool to establish a mission. The Priest Guyot, who had been charged by Monseigneur Lavigerie with the exploration of the shores of the Upper Congo to found stations, was drowned in the river, with Lieutenant Janssen, on returning from the Wabouma, where they had been establishing a station for a school and the first mission. Their boat was commanded by eleven Zanzibarites, of whom eight were drowned.

—The Arab journal *Nusret* announces that the King of Abyssinia, having learned that his vassal, Ménelik, proposed sending an ambassador to Paris to solicit the protectorate of France, has declared war against him and has invaded the Choa with an Abyssinian army.

—The Germans have charged themselves with a new expedition to be undertaken by Lieutenant Wissmann, who will return to Muquengué to attempt from there an exploration in the direction of the Congo, to study the hydrographic system of that part of the Central African plateau.

—There has been constituted at Barcelona, under the name of the Spanish-African Company, a society of commerce and navigation, whose aim is to develop the commercial relations of Spain with Africa, for the establish-

ment of factories and for the creation of a regular line of steamers, for which the Government accords a grant.

THE INDIANS.

—A school for Indian children is to be opened in Philadelphia.

—The authorities of Beloit College, Wis., have agreed to undertake the education and industrial training of twenty Indian youths at their institution.

—An Indian of the Wyandotte tribe attending a monthly concert of prayer, and hearing what missions had done for other tribes, especially for the Choctaws, testifies to the liberality and practicability of Indians by an account of one of his fellows who, when an appeal was made for a contribution, laid down his subscription, saying, "There, take that, and give the Gospel another push."

—The Papagos and Navajos are a grazing people, making corn and vegetable crops wherever there are springs of water in the great riverless region they occupy. The latter are the wealthiest Indians on the continent, having in fifteen years increased from 9,000 to 16,000, and owning an average of over \$100 apiece in silver and coral ornaments (they do not care for gold), having over 25,000 ponies and 1,000,000 sheep. The women are the principal property holders, and retain their wealth after marriage.



INDIAN ATTACK ON AN OVERLAND STAGE



## THE CHINESE.

—The Presbyterian Synod of China reports one hundred per cent. increase of accessions to the membership in the past five years.

—It is estimated that at the present rate of progress of missions in China the next forty years will report 26,000,000 communicants and 100,000,000 adherents in the Celestial Kingdom.

—Dr. Otis Gibson, of the San Francisco Chinese Mission, has been unanimously requested by the Oregon Conference to organize a Chinese mission in Portland, where it is estimated 7,000 Chinese reside.

—Low Foo, a Chinaman, when converted at Canton, sold himself as a slave in order that he might go to Demarara and preach the Gospel to his fellow countrymen there. This he has done so successfully that there is now a church of 200 Chinamen there who are supporting missionaries among their own people.

—Three of the six additions to the Bethany Church, San Francisco, Rev. W. C. Pond, pastor, were Chinese. The sum of \$650 has been raised to pay for furniture and improvements in the church edifice. The Bethany Church (Chinese), Marysville, contributed out of their poverty \$140 to the American Board, with special reference to its South China mission.

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Of "BARNES' HISTORICAL SERIES" we have examined two volumes—the GENERAL HISTORY and the EPITOME OF ENGLISH HISTORY. The former, a neat book of 600 pages, gives in its large type a good résumé of ancient, mediæval and modern history, suitable for schools and convenient for reference, while the smaller type compacts a large amount of information for the general reader. The maps are good and the illustrations abundant. The EPITOME is an enlarged chronological table with the important facts of English history well arranged for the use of the pupils or to be consulted for specific information.

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## THE JOINT COMMITTEE AT SPRINGFIELD.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

In the last MISSIONARY we gave a copy of the action of the Committees at Springfield on the relations of the A. H. M. S. and the A. M. A., with brief reference to the absence of partisanship in the discussions and to the unanimity in the conclusions reached. We now present extracts from the editorials of the religious press on the subject, that our readers may see the drift of public sentiment, as shown by these utterances.

FROM THE CONGREGATIONALIST, DEC. 20, 1883.

"We print on our fifth page the finding of the conference committees of the A. H. M. S. and the A. M. A. Re-affirming their principle of mutual comity and dis-

avowing the spirit of caste, it goes on to advise the former society to confine itself chiefly to the West, and the latter chiefly to the South, as heretofore. It also recommends that new work called for anywhere be under the charge of the society already occupying the ground; that any transfer of work already begun, from the care of one to that of the other, be made which may seem desirable; and that, if practicable, a common superintendent be employed, wherever advisable. The committee thus has limited each society territorially with some definiteness, and the bearing of its suggestion is adverse to any enlargement of the work of the A. H. M. S. in the South. It has been our own feeling that no great increase of that work would prove possible, at present, but that in special cases the A. H. M. S. might be able to work with better advantage than the A. M. A., and that Christian good sense, and the course of circumstances, would settle the whole matter quietly in due time. The joint committee prefers to settle it at once, and we acquiesce cheerfully in their decision, because of their presumably better opportunity of knowing all the facts. In view of this decision their recommendations are wise, and ought to be acted upon as fast and as far as possible. Now let the great work which both societies are doing be pushed on with more prayer and labor and generous support than ever!"

FROM THE CHRISTIAN UNION, DEC. 20, 1883.

"We think that the report of the Joint Committee of the two Home Missionary Societies of the Congregationalists, given in another column, will commend itself to the judgment of all judicious men. If it abates a little the excessive enthusiasm for a Congregational mission in the South, it will do no harm. Its essential principles are four in number. 1. That each Society had best continue its work chiefly in the field which it now occupies—the Home Missionary Society in the West, the American Missionary Association in the South. 2. That neither Society shall enter in a locality pre-occupied by the other. 3. That, wherever practicable, such transfers of work already established be made as will serve economy and efficiency. 4. That, where it is practicable, one Superintendent be used by both Societies. \* \* \*

"The Southern communities are still poor and are not able to expend as much money *per capita* for education as their more prosperous Northern neighbors. But to found a new school system requires a much greater expenditure *per capita*. The nation has not yet grown wise enough and liberal enough to follow the lead of Senators Hoar of Massachusetts and Brown of Georgia, and use some of the surplus funds in its overflowing treasury to build up educational systems in the South. Under these circumstances there can be no wiser work than that which the American Missionary Association is doing, in planting foci of light in various Southern centres, in industrial and in normal schools, and so preparing the way for universal education when prejudice and poverty, the two chief foes, have been vanquished. Congregationalists cannot, indeed, refuse their sympathy and support to such churches of their faith and order as spring spontaneously on Southern soil. But they had better put the strength of their missionary energies in the South into the welcomed movements to give the working classes a more intelligent industry, the colored schools better educated teachers, and the colored churches a more cultured ministry. And this is the work of the American Missionary Association.

"On the other hand, the stream of immigration which is filling up our Western States and Territories comes disorganized. It is without churches. The school-house keeps pace with the railroad. There are no better public schools in New England than in some of our Western States. But if the churches are to keep pace with the railroad they must be planted and sustained by men and money from



the East. It is in the West, too, that the Gospel has its four worst obstacles to encounter—Mormondom, Romanism, Infidelity, and the spirit of mere worldly getting-on. The Home Missionary Society will have all it can do to occupy the unoccupied Territories of the Great West. It need not weep for want of worlds to conquer : and worlds in which there are plenty of pagans and tremendous pagan influences.”

FROM THE ADVANCE, DEC. 27, 1883.

“The report of the joint committee of the American Home Missionary Society and the American Missionary Association which we published last week, on its face leaves matters just where they were. It is easy to see, however, that such an interpretation as the *Congregationalist* and *Independent* give might be made. Both of these papers assume that the committee meant to define the territorial limits of each society.

“But such a suggestion is not in the report of the committee. The only clause in the resolution as adopted which can be so construed is the recommendation that the principal work of the one society should be in the West and that of the other in the South. There is nothing revolutionary in this expression of opinion. That has been the history of the two societies in the past. \* \* \*

“The committee has, so far as any recommendations to the societies are concerned, done nothing ; under the circumstances, perhaps that was the wisest course. The adjustment of the relations of two great benevolent societies is too large a question for any committee, however well constituted. Neither society, as it seems to us, should limit its work on any recommendation short of that of the National Council.”

FROM THE INDEPENDENT, DEC. 20, 1883.

“It will be seen that the joint committee does not see its way clear to recommend any very stringent line of division between the fields of the two societies. Only one division would be possible, and that the committee virtually recommends as far as possible. The field of one society is chiefly at the West and that of the other at the South. If the spirit of these recommendations is followed out, the Southern field, excepting, of course, those portions which have been invaded by a northern population, and which are held already by the A. H. M. S., will remain under the care of the A. M. A., which will be under obligation to promote the organization of churches, when called for, without distinction of color. Should such a case as that at Atlanta come up again, it will be the society already holding the field which will be asked for help.

“This is a wise conclusion. While neither society would willingly favor caste, it will be impossible not to seem to favor it if the same field, Georgia, for example, is divided between a white and a colored society, just as the Methodists divide it between a white and a colored conference. There are a plenty of caste churches there now ; and five churches that hate caste are better than a hundred which yield to it.

“Another advantage of this conclusion is that it leaves each society free to make its separate appeal. The one society appeals for the West, the other for the South. A society lives on the fruit of its appeal to the churches. The appeal which a society holds is its support. If one society holds the appeal, we will say for the South, then any other society which comes in to divide that appeal really robs the treasury of its fellow. The field is very large, and each society should be allowed to work without the interference or rivalry of the other. One society for white churches and another for colored churches would be an abomination.”

## THE FIELD.

1883-1884.

The following list presents the names and post-office addresses of those who are employed in the Churches, Institutions and Schools aided by the American Missionary Association. Berea College and Hampton Institute are under the care of their own Boards of Trustees, but being either founded or fostered in the past by this Association, and representing the general work in which it is engaged, their teachers are included in this list.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Winyan,	" " "
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William Lee,	Bad River, Dak.

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Mrs. F. B. Wells,	Rhinebeck, N. Y.
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*Missionary.*

Rev. Myron Eells,	S'kokomish, W. T
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	Jee Gam.	Santa Cruz—	Mrs. A. L. Willett.
	Miss Jessie S. Worley.		Wong Oek.
	Miss Anna L. Snook.	Stockton—	Mrs. M. B. Langdon.
			Yong Jin.

ITEMS FROM THE FIELD.

—Rev. W. R. Davis, lately of Detroit, Mich., has become the pastor at Mobile.

—The Warner Institute, at Jonesboro, Tenn., was opened in the fall by Mrs. Julia B. Nelson, with Miss Angell as assistant, under hopeful auspices.

—Miss Rose M. Kinney, formerly Principal of the Dorchester Academy at Midway, Ga., has been put in charge of the school at Little Rock, Ark., which is the precursor of the Edward Smith College. Miss Elizabeth Keyes is her missionary associate.

—Superintendent Roy, on his tour of visitation, lectured to the colored people upon the theme, "How to Make Money," urging industry, economy, education, investment, as the royal process.

—Prof. Albert Salisbury held a greatly successful Teacher's Institute at Tougaloo, Miss., during the week before Christmas, and will hold another in Talladega the last week in March.

—Rev. Islay Walden's school and church, whose post-office was formerly that of Lassiter's Mills, have now secured a new post route and their own post-office, called by the government *Strieby*, and served by the pastor as postmaster.

—The school-house church at Hillsboro, N. C., was dedicated on the 6th of January. Mrs. E. A. Gray, of Oakland, Cal., had given the four or five hundred dollars of needed aid, the lot having been presented by Mr. Henry N. Brown, a white citizen, a well-known friend of the colored people, who themselves helped on the house as they were able. Miss M. B. Curtis, a graduate of the Atlanta University, is the teacher. Rev. A. Connet, of McLeansville, has had the supervision of the building, having traveled on the business 250 miles by his own conveyance. He was assisted at the dedication by Supt. Roy and Rev. Dr. Welker, of the German Reformed Church.

—On the day following, at Oaks, a dozen miles in the country from Mebanesville, the same company participated in a dedication of a school-house church which had been built in a neighborhood of colored land owners with only \$150 of aid from the A. M. A. Miss E. W. Douglass, a veteran in the service, is the missionary teacher, and the Rev. J. N. Ray (colored), the pastor. This house has also been under the supervision of pastor Connet.

—The three fall State Associations had meetings of unusual interest. They were that of Georgia, at Athens; that of Central South, at Chattanooga; and that of

Kentucky, at Berea. The meetings of the National Council, at Concord, and of the A. M. A., at Brooklyn, were duly reported. The discussions of practical themes were animated and profitable. Rev. J. H. Parker, with a letter from the Central West Association, of Illinois, to the Georgia, was gladly received.

—On the 6th of December, at Fayetteville, Ark., by a mall Council, Mr. John M. Shippen, the preacher and teacher, a graduate of the Normal and Theological Departments of Howard University, was ordained to the Gospel ministry. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., of St. Louis, prayer and charge by Supt. Roy, right hand by the moderator, Rev. Y. B. Sims, of Little Rock, who remained over the Sabbath to preach while the Superintendent went on to supply his church.

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#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Emerson Institute.—We are suffering from lack of room, having almost daily to turn away pupils from the lower grades for this reason. I think another room could be easily filled, if we had it.

Talladega College.—Judging from the past, we shall have forty or more students knocking at Cassedy Hall as soon as seats and teacher are provided. We have received eight more than the 140 for whom seats were prepared, because some of our applicants we could not refuse. About twenty others have applied, and others have said they should send as soon as we can receive.

Straight University.—Our school is filling up very rapidly, and in some departments we must soon commence refusing pupils admission. The primary grade is full. There is a very bright class coming in, and I think at no age is it more important to get hold of them. I *don't* want to shut our doors to the blessed little ones, and pray *almost* "without ceasing" for the means to put up that model building, which we could fill at once and make pay its way.

Marion, Ala.—Thanksgiving was a great day with us. All the colored people united at the Second Baptist Church. I was appointed preacher; many said afterward it was the first time they had heard a Thanksgiving sermon—had been accustomed to go on a hunt or have a frolic. Several said they had never learned before why Northerners should have meetings in the church or what the day was for anyway. Thursday night we had a very large union Thanksgiving prayer-meeting at the M. E. Church, led by a former slaveholder, and well led, too.

Williamsburg, Ky.—I share fully with Mr. Myers in a feeling of reluctance in taking money from a treasury which is supplied so often by great sacrifice, but it seems there is no other way, and I trust we may so use the money given us that the donors as well as ourselves may see at the "great settlement" that it has been wisely appropriated. We go to Pleasant View every Tuesday evening to teach the young people the gospel songs, and intend going to State Line every Friday evening for the same and for a sort of Sabbath School service, as we cannot get there on the Sabbath.

I wish you could have looked in on my Sunday-school yesterday afternoon. All the seats were full; two rails, which had been brought in, were full; a long table full, and then a row of men and boys standing or sitting on the floor at the side and one end of the room. Allow me to give you an example of their progress in Scripture knowledge, and see if you do not think I am accomplishing something. In the review of the whole school yesterday I asked what the Lord wanted them to do with the stones which he commanded them to pick up from the bed of the River Jordan as they passed over. A young man, probably twenty-three years of age, answered promptly: "He wanted them to make *graven images* of them."



# THE CHINESE.

## ITEMS FROM THE FIELD.

BY REV. W. C. POND.

1. The annual report of the California Chinese Mission (auxiliary to the American Missionary Association) came from the press Nov. 1st. The total receipts for the year were \$5,201.40, an increase of \$798.75 over those of any preceding year. Of that amount \$1,355 came from churches in California, and \$1,100 (much of it included in the offerings of the churches) from the Chinese brethren. As much more was contributed by the Chinese through the treasuries of their own Association; so that their offerings in aid of Christian work have not been less than \$2,250. Besides this they have given to the American Board, out of the accumulations of preceding years, \$500 for the South China Mission. Some other items of interest contained in the report were given, in advance of its publication, in the November *Missionary*.

2. Rev. C. R. Hager, the missionary of the American Board in South China, has been reinforced by *fourteen* of our Christian Chinese, who have returned to their old homes fully purposed to work for the Master, under His direction, so long as they remain in their native land. Of this number, five had been *Helpers* in our mission, and had received sufficient training to make them efficient *here*, and, I trust, *there* also. One of them writes me on his arrival at Hong Kong: "It seems to me we found quite a long time on steamer and a hard time, too. You cannot imagine how it is; because the heathen contribute for offering of sacrifice for the idols and the Death-man. A steamer sunk some time ago near Japan; therefore they worship those who are buried in the sea. We refuse to contribute; so every one had something against us; some say, pull us up to the deck, tie us up to the top of the mast, and many make fun of us. I am not able to hear them; they make such a noise. We feel dismay and discouraged because three against seven hundred people. So instantly I felt the Lord will be on our side while I pray: 'Oh, God, stop this noise, and close their mouths. Give Thy spirit. Open their blind hearts that they may understand Thy truth, and help us, standing firm in Thy truth, and that we may not be discouraged in Thy salvation.' After this, God answered my prayer, so they all keep still and quite silent their noise."

3. Answers to prayer are vouchsafed to *us* also. We must be content to do a smaller work this year than last; but we have been earnestly praying that it may be a better one: more spiritual and more fruitful. Already God is beginning to fulfill our request. Wong Ock writes me from Santa Cruz: "Glory to God that our brother Chung Long will receive the Lord's baptism next Sunday; and another became a brother and joined our Association last Sabbath." And Gin Foo King writes from Petaluma: "I try to lead two boys to become joined to our Christianity. But one did not make up his mind yet; other one is willing. I am so glad to have even one. I think our school getting on nicely." Yong Jin reports street preaching in Stockton, and earnest but rather unsuccessful efforts to bring the indifferent and the hostile among his countrymen to come in and see the school; but is cheered because one of the pupils has confessed Christ as his Master and Saviour, and joined the Association. Miss Carrington writes from Sacramento: "Three young converts have very recently joined the Association, and we feel that we have great cause for thankfulness. The attendance, both in our Sunday-school and through the week, has considerably increased, and, though it

is still far too small, we are working with freshened zeal and courage. Chin Tay proves a valuable helper, a devoted and humble Christian, and very earnest in trying to bring his people to Christ." In our Central School in this city, Mr. Griffiths finds a goodly number of pupils who are glad to remain on three evenings of each week from 9:30 till 10:15 for special Bible study. They have taken up the Book of Acts, and are making good progress. Finally, at the last communion of Bethany Church four were baptized, and three others are already proposed for baptism at our next communion.

4. The newspaper reports of a statement made at the annual meeting of the American Missionary Association give the collection of Bethany Church in aid of our mission at \$300, of which its Chinese members gave \$130. The fact is that the contribution of this church last year amounted to \$654.55, of which the Chinese gave \$454.05.

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## BUREAU OF WOMAN'S WORK.

MISS D. E. EMERSON, SECRETARY.

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### PLEDGES FOR MISSIONARIES.

In connection with the new appointments as given in this number we publish below the pledges of support of missionaries which we have received at this date :

Congregational Church, Cambridge, Mass.	Miss E. P. Hayes, Raleigh, N. C.
Ladies of Maine.	" A. E. Farrington, Wilmington, N. C.
" " "	" M. K. Lunt, Selma, Ala.
" " Vermont.	" Elizabeth Plimpton, McIntosh, Ga.
" " Illinois.	" Lizzie A. Pingree, Mobile, Ala.
" " "	" R. M. Kinney, Little Rock, Ark.
" " Iowa.	" A. D. Gerrish, New Orleans, La.
Ladies Society, Columbus, O.	" M. H. Clary, Ladies' Island, S. C.
Ladies of Cong. Churches, Chelsea, Mass.	Mrs. A. S. Steele, Chattanooga, Tenn.

We have had to anticipate additional aid, and send forth other missionaries, in the hope that the funds for their support will be paid into our treasury. From recent communications it appears that some Sunday-schools and Ladies' Societies contributing for Student Aid suppose that they thereby add to the income of the Association and help in the support of missionaries. This is a mistake. Student Aid helps the colored youth to avail themselves of the instruction of missionaries and teachers, and such aid judiciously applied is very desirable, but it does not in any degree help to send the missionaries to instruct, and this is the essential and urgent need.

We have been much cheered by letters of sympathy and help from our Northern friends, and give below a few extracts which are suggestive, and we believe will prove of interest to our readers :

—I write to ask you what about the *Woman's Bureau*? Can you put us in communication with any teacher whom we can help? Our first meeting for this year will be held in about ten days, and I would like to suggest something practical.

(Later.) The letter came just in time for our monthly meeting, which takes place on the second Tuesday of each month. The letter was listened to with



interest and did very much to strengthen the feeling that there is a work at the South, as well as across the seas. We have divided the year, and report at our meetings on the Home Field until January 1st; after that we shall give our thoughts to the Foreign Work. We have over \$80 raised toward Mis: —'s support, and will send, I hope, the whole amount pledged about the 1st of January. I hope we shall hear from her often.

—We have in our church a little missionary society made up of young ladies. I am writing to you for information as to the best way for them to work the coming year. We can do quite a good deal, only we want to help some one person, and we would like to send clothing for missionary purposes, but we wish to be put in direct communication with the person helped. I am interested personally in Home Missions, and I think our young girls would be if they could be encouraged.

(Later.) Your good letter came in just the right time, as we had a meeting the same day it came, and I read it to the girls. They were enthusiastic, and we have decided to take a scholarship and to pack a barrel. Now we all feel that we are fairly in the field, and busy are the fingers of every member of our little society. We cannot do very great things, but are determined to do something. We have already \$30 in our treasury, and our fair will help very much. Hope to hear from you by the time we meet again.

—Yours was received and read to a few ladies of our church who had met to consult with reference to the formation of a Missionary Society. We finally took your form of constitution, and re-arranged so as to take in foreign work also, and thus do all in one society. We are a weak and feeble church, so ours will have to be mostly the labor of our hands. I think in that we shall do good service wherever we find such need. We are now the Woman's Co-operative Society of — Congregational Church. I think we can so harmonize the different departments that we shall find it better than to try to sustain two societies. We have thus taken a long step in advance. That you may be abundantly blessed in all your labor of love is the prayer of yours in Christian fellowship.

—In reply to your circular, I beg to say that our hearts are beating in truest sympathy with you in the grand and important work of elevating the neglected women of our land; but at present it seems that is all we can do. We are on the frontier, where two-thirds of our people are battling with poverty. Their homes are very bare and their tables very scantily laid; they have hardships that are unknown among most of our Eastern people. We hope and pray that God will so direct our future that we may be able to respond in a more helpful manner than by our mere sympathies.

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE.

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### TWO PICTURES FROM LIFE.

#### FIRST PICTURE.

Pet dogs are the latest hobby in the fashionable world of New York and other large cities. A certain costly species of bull-terrier, grown exceedingly small by in-breeding and doses of gin, is the favorite of women wealthy enough to afford indulgence in such pets. They are hideously mis-shapen little monsters, but the

uglier they are the more they are valued. They are taken out every day by their mistresses or footmen for an airing wearing embroidered coats and gold collars, on which their names are engraved or set in jewels.

One of these dogs died in Philadelphia lately, and formal notice of the funeral was given to the friends of its mistress, who sent their dogs in carriages with liveried footmen, etc., etc. The dead dog was laid in a satin-lined, silver-mounted coffin; offerings of flowers were sent, and a costly monument was raised over its grave.

"Beppo," the pet of a wealthy young lady, lately sent out cards for a reception, which was attended by all the *haut-ton* of dogdom. The homely little beasts sent to the reception were served on dainty china with all the delicacies of the caterer's art. The feast, floral decorations, etc., cost more than \$200.

#### SECOND PICTURE.

On the week in which Beppo held his reception an entertainment of another kind was given by a young girl who lived near to Beppo's mistress. She had spent the last summer in a little village in one of the hill counties of Pennsylvania. The clergyman of this parish was a scholarly man of much intellectual force. His wife was a refined, sensitive woman. They had five children. The clergyman had given up a profession in which he might have grown rich, to serve the Master he loved, in ministering to his fellowmen. His salary was \$400 a year, and that often was not paid when it was needed. In other words, here was a man who had the education, tastes, and habits of the very highest class; who naturally wished to educate his children; who was obliged to appear and live as a gentleman and to exercise hospitality and charity upon the wages of a day laborer.

Miss Dash guessed something of the privations of the good man and his family during her stay in the village. Last winter, out of her allowance (which was a liberal one) from her rich father, she made up a box for the pastor's family in which she declared there should be nothing absolutely necessary. "Let them, for once in their lives, have a taste of indulgence," she said. "It will be like water to a thirsty soul."

The great box arrived late in the evening of a raw November day, just as the clergyman and his family rose up from their scanty supper. For a month there had been no meat or butter on that table. The family grew red with excitement as they gathered round the box. The lid was knocked off. Out came warm winter cloaks and caps for the three girls, an overcoat for the minister and a pretty, soft dress for his wife, all new.

"Why," said their donor, "should we give the man who leads us to God our cast-off clothes?"

There were books and magazines for the clergyman, and an engraving of a noble picture to hang upon the wall. There were toys for little Mollie and packages of flower seeds, and a huge box of candy for everybody; and then there was a letter inclosing a check which would send the boys to a good school for two years. When they all kneeled together that night, and the clergyman tried to thank God and to pray for their kind friend, his voice choked so that he could not speak. These are two companion pictures for our readers to hang in their memory. Both are taken from the life.—*Selected.*



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